

To Interested Parties:

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN LAHONTAN REGION'S
SECTION 303(D) LIST**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) is soliciting comments from the public on recommended changes to California's list of impaired surface water bodies. States are required to maintain and update such lists under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. ("Impaired" means that listed waters do not meet applicable water quality standards.) A summary list of recommendations is enclosed. Proposed changes are included in the November 2001 *Staff Report on Recommended Changes to Lahontan Region's Section 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Water Bodies*. Background information is provided in separate fact sheets for specific water bodies. The staff report and fact sheets will be available online at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6> by late November 2001. Paper copies may be requested from the Regional Board's administrative staff at (530) 542-5404.

At its January 9-10, 2002 meeting in South Lake Tahoe, California, the Lahontan Regional Board will hold a public workshop to consider approving recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board). The State Board will conduct a separate public participation process before adopting an updated statewide list of impaired surface water bodies for transmittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Between March and May 2001, the Regional Board solicited information and data from the public for use in the Section 303(d) list update. At this time, the Regional Board is only accepting public comments on proposed changes to the list, and is not collecting additional information or data. Written public comments must be received by the Regional Board no later than **December 28, 2001**. Comments should be submitted to Judith Unsicker at the address above or emailed to unsij@rb6s.swrcb.ca.gov. Technical questions about the staff report or fact sheets should be directed to Ms. Unsicker at (530) 542-5462.

Enclosure